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\$15.00 Velvet Dresses, \$9.98

Made of fine quality velvet, with combination of velvet brocade, embroidery and braided collars and cuffs; colors are brown and taupe.

\$22.50 Corduroy Velvet Dresses, \$12.98

Made of an excellent quality material, with beautiful Scotch plaid skirt trimmings, lace and net yokes; colors, navy, taupe and green.

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A clean-up of Plain Tailor-Made Suits, made of all-wool poplins and men's wear serges; some fur-trimmed, in black, navy, brown and taupe.

\$25.00 to \$38.50 Suits, \$19.75

Composed of fine novelty weaves, jacquards, chevrons, serges and Bedford cords, plain tailored, fancy trimmed and cutaway effects, in blacks, navy, brown, mahogany, Copenhagen and taupe.

Special Suits, \$25.00

These Special Suits are of very fine broadcloth, imported poplins, novelty checks and waffle cloth. All of this season's styles and colors.

Special Showing of Gift Things From Our Art Department

A beautiful showing of high grade novelties, consisting of Ivory Basket Vases, Flower Baskets, Scrap Baskets and Boudoir Lamps, Arabian Lace Boudoir Pillows, Fancy Sewing Bags and Baskets. A very beautiful assortment of Artificial Flowers, both for corsage and table decorations. Prices from 50c to \$15.00.

(First Floor Booth.)

THIEVES ARE BUSY THROUGHOUT CITY

Reports of Thefts of All Descriptions Flow Into Police Stations.

Thieves of all classes Saturday night and yesterday successfully placed their hands in many parts of the city, according to reports which reached the police.

The biggest robbery reported was by Samuel Bernstein, a grocer, who lives at 1227 Moore street. He said that his house was entered and a gold watch, valued at \$150, a gold bracelet, worth \$25, and a revolver, stolen. There was apparently no clue to the thief.

Joseph Littlefield, of Glen Allen, reported that his pocket was picked of in a watch which was in a store in West Broad street.

A. F. Profit, of 14 West Broad street, reported a watch, valued at \$40, stolen from his pocket.

Mrs. M. E. Craig, of 217 West (Third) street, reported the theft of a valuable pink fur.

C. B. Norvell, of 100 West Clay street, had stolen from him a quantity of harness, including a saddle.

L. W. Throckmorton, of 406 North (Thirty-first) street, reported that his shop at 215 North Sixth street was entered and various instruments, valued at \$15, stolen.

L. A. Michaels, of 226 East Main street, reported that seven pairs of trousers were stolen from his store.

A showcase of Simon Crowell, 1222 East Main street, was broken into and a quantity of shirts, which had been on display, stolen. How many were taken was not known.

BIG HOUSE TO SEE FINAL KIRMESS

Local Production Regarded as Best Ever Put On by Amateurs in Richmond.

The fourth and last performance of the Kirmess will be given at the Academy of Music to-night. While the city has been famous for its big amateur performances, the public has put its vote of approval on the present production, which stands out head and shoulders above all the rest. There are a few things to be noted. The production is better than those offered by many high-class traveling companies, and there is dancing that would make the Hoffman green with envy, although it is not the kind of dancing that would bring adverse criticism. The performers have taken hold with a spirit which shows the result of wonderful training and hundreds of hours of rehearsal. The Kirmess is more than a performance, it is a social gathering. So many local stars are included in the list that it is not possible to pick out all the names. As some of the performers are well known to the public, it is not surprising that the Kirmess is more than a performance, it is a social gathering. So many local stars are included in the list that it is not possible to pick out all the names. As some of the performers are well known to the public, it is not surprising that the Kirmess is more than a performance, it is a social gathering.

Although the public is so generous in supporting attractions put on for charity, the town is so critical that it will not attend a performance unless it is a first-class one. In this case the town agrees that the Kirmess is more than a performance, it is a social gathering. So many local stars are included in the list that it is not possible to pick out all the names. As some of the performers are well known to the public, it is not surprising that the Kirmess is more than a performance, it is a social gathering.

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CITY LAGS BEHIND IN ILLUMINATION

Outdistanced by Greensboro and Roanoke in Candle-Power of Electric Signs.

WANT MORE LIBERAL LAWS

Vonderlehr Ordinance Would Remove Harassing Restrictions of Present Statutes.

Tables prepared by business men of this city, who are urging a liberalization of the electric sign ordinances, show that Richmond lags far behind her sister cities in the South in the matter of night illumination. A list of twelve representative cities gives Richmond next to the last place, with an estimated candle-power of a little more than 15,000. Bristol is the leader with 16,000 candle-power to her credit.

The computation for Richmond is on the basis of the electric signs on Broad Street from the Empire Theatre to the Lyric Theatre inclusive. The scattered signs on Main Street and the cross streets of small and medium size are not taken into account. The Broad Street showing, moreover, is bolstered chiefly by the large signs of the Purdy Ice Cream Corporation, and the Piedmont Cigarette, Murphy's Hotel and Lyric Theatre displays.

Subtracting from the Broad Street total the candle-power of the signs enumerated, the Richmond showing would border on the small-town average. The city, it appears, while maintaining the pace in practically every line of commercial activity, has not kept up with the development of electric advertising.

Montgomery, Ala., stands far at the head of Southern cities in candle-power, with Richmond, with a total electric sign candle-power of 84,000—approximately fifty times Richmond's illumination. Macon, Ga., very much smaller than Richmond, has electric signs amounting to 29,000 candle-power. Roanoke, upon which Richmond is accustomed to look patronizingly, has 125 electric signs, with an approximate candle-power of 27,000.

Greensboro, N. C., which was given a population of 15,000 by the last census, has 25,000 candle-power in electric signs, compared with 15,000 for Richmond—a city more than eight times its size. Charlotte, N. C., about twice Greensboro's size, has 26,000.

Other Southern cities that have developed the illumination habit and estimated aggregate candle-power of their electric signs are: Augusta, Ga., 14,000; Jacksonville, Fla., 17,000; Bluefield, W. Va., 13,000; Birmingham, Ala., 57,000; Huntington, W. Va., 24,000; Louisville, Ky., 24,000; and Savannah, Ga., 62,000. The estimates are in every case based on the illumination of the principal business thoroughfare. The Richmond total would appear in a better light if the large Fatima Cigarette, Richmond Hotel, and other electric signs were included.

Ordinance Before Council. The movement for more liberal electric sign laws has taken the form of an amended ordinance, which is being drawn under the direction of the city Attorney and the City Electrical Department. If the ordinance is completed in time, it will be introduced to-night in the Common Council by Councilman Vonderlehr, of Lee Ward.

The present ordinance prohibits the erection of any sign that projects more than four feet over the property line. Permits for the erection of signs within this limitation, provided they are not more than ten feet in height, are now issued by the Building Inspector. Signs more than ten feet in height may be erected only by special ordinance.

It is proposed to amend the present law to permit the erection of any sign that may be constructed with and within the provisions of the Building Code. The amendments would strike out the provisions imposing the four-foot limit, the property-line limitation, and would otherwise simplify the procedure attendant upon the securing of a permit for the construction of an electric sign.

Advertising Club Favors It. The amended ordinance is supported by the Richmond Advertising Club and other business organizations. A number of Broad Street merchants, conducted by persons interested in the movement, disclosed an overwhelming majority in favor of liberalizing the electric sign provisions. A number of Councilmen have declared themselves in favor of the revision.

Electric sign men make the statement that within a few months after the proposed amended ordinance goes into effect Broad Street will see the erection of between fifty and sixty new signs. The added illumination, it is estimated, will aggregate 100,000 candle-power, and will give Richmond's total illumination a new metropolitan high.

Russian Cruiser Aground. Sebastopol, Russia, November 30.—The Russian unprotected cruiser Ural, which went aground on a reef near the city, was raised and towed to port today. The crew was landed. Two seamen were drowned and three are missing through the capsizing of a boat sent to her assistance.

LIST READS LIKE INFANT 'WHO'S WHO'

Nation's Leading Men Accept Invitations to Attend Peace Conference Here.

MEETING OPENS WEDNESDAY

Will Co-Ordinate Plans for Celebration of Centenary of Treaty of Ghent.

The roster of delegates to the Peace Conference, which will hold a two-day session at the Jefferson Hotel, beginning Wednesday, reads like an infant "who's who" in America. It includes presidents of railways, colleges and international banking houses, and takes heavy toll from the nation's big men in statecraft, literature and commerce.

Officially, the business of the conference will be to bring about a co-ordination of the various plans for the celebration of the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. Unofficially, there will be the imposing evening functions and brilliant speaking that invariably accompanies the gathering anywhere of a large body of distinguished men.

Judge Parker to Preside. Judge Albert B. Parker, of New York, former Democratic candidate for the presidency, will preside over the second day's conference. He is one of the honorary vice-chairmen of the National Committee for the Celebration of the One-Hundredth Anniversary of Peace and Amity, which is sponsoring the conference. Rooms have already been reserved for him at the Jefferson Hotel.

The local committee in charge of plans for the entertainment of the delegates, which has received a large number of acceptances from the 200 or 300 delegates designated by various peace organizations to attend the meeting, will undergo large expenditures when the conference opens. It is estimated that the attendance will exceed 200.

Invite Ambassadors. The conference, it is hoped, will be attended by representatives from several European and South American powers. The local committee is awaiting answers among others, from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, Count J. H. von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Ambassador Jusserot, of France, Premier Borden, of Canada, and the ministers of several South American republics.

Among prominent men who have notified the Richmond authorities that they will be present are: Henry Clegg and Isaac N. Seligman, the New York bankers; J. B. Hedges, former Republican nominee for Governor of New York; Marcus J. Marks, recently elected president of the Borough of Manhattan; Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, of Boston; Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington, inventor of the telephone; President E. B. Washburn, of Lafayette College; Oscar S. Straus, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Dr. Albert Shaw, publisher of the Review of Reviews; Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago; and General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C.

The local committee is still hopeful that President Wilson may decide to attend. John A. Stewart, chairman of the executive committee, will arrive here this morning from New York. With negotiations at the Jefferson Hotel, the delegates, it is believed, will meet for the first time on Wednesday.

Car and Auto Collide. An automobile, owned by J. A. Bowers, of 1417 East Main street, and a Clay Street car collided yesterday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock at Seventeenth and Main streets. The damage was trifling, and no one was hurt.

BREAK RECORD FOR BABIES

Twenty-Ninth Offspring Arrives at Kostruck Home.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Many records have been broken during 1913, but it was left for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kostruck of Stevens Point, Wis., to break the record for babies when their twenty-ninth offspring put in its appearance today.

Mr. and Mrs. Kostruck do not think it is unusual. In fact, they said they would not mind if there were a few more.

"I just want enough to make a nice, large family," said Mr. Kostruck.

TO ENTER COMMERCIAL LIFE

Special Agent of Department of Justice Resigns. New York, November 30.—In order to enter commercial life in this city, Joseph R. Barling has tendered his resignation as special agent of the Department of Justice, at Washington, to become effective about January 1, next. It was not until announced here, Mr. Barling has charge of the preparation of the cases brought by the government against the Bath Tub, Harvester, Moving Picture, Pacific Coast Plumbers and other so-called trusts.

FULLER TO FIGHT CHARTER CHANGES

Will Oppose Amendment Curtauling Council's Power Affecting Appropriations.

CONSIDER SALARY RAISES

Common Council to Pass Tonight on Pay Increases Approved by Board.

Issues affecting the relations that shall obtain in the future between the Council and the Administrative Board promise to overshadow every other place of legislative business in the crowded docket of the Common Council, which meets in regular session at 8 o'clock to-night. There is an even chance that these issues will be side-tracked by the passage of a law to increase the salaries of the Council members, if they are not, the Common Council is primed for a stirring session.

Two chief trouble makers in the report of the Special Council Committee on Charter Changes, which was placed in the hands of City Clerk August on Saturday, and regularly entered on the docket, it provides for significant changes in the relations between the Council and the Administrative Board. One of the proposed changes will pass, if they pass at all, only after a bitter fight.

Fuller Primed for Battle. Councilman E. R. Fuller, of Madison Ward, chairman of the Committee on Finance, has openly announced his hostility to several of the proposed amendments, and has vowed uncompromising war on one amendment in the amended charter, section 20, of the amended charter, which reads: "Appropriations, as far as practicable, to the extent of the fairly anticipated revenues for each ensuing year, shall be made in lump sums in the annual budget ordinance, for the maintenance of each department."

The section provides further that the Council may make additional appropriations from time to time with or without the recommendation of the Administrative Board.

The amendment, already introduced by the Charter Changes Committee, which has called out Councilman Fuller's opposition, strikes out from the section the words, "as far as practicable." The effect of the change, it is claimed, will be to take from the Council its discretionary power to designate in general law the purposes to which appropriations shall be applied.

Declares His Opposition. "I am unalterably opposed to the incorporation of this change in the charter," said Councilman Fuller last night. "It would have the effect of giving the absolute distribution of money for all purposes to the Administrative Board, and take away from the Council the discretion that is given under the law as far as practicable to limit the uses to which appropriations shall be put."

"As a member of the Finance Committee, I am all the more opposed to this change, for it would strip the Council of its power to designate the purposes to which appropriations for definite purposes. In my opinion, the amendment proposed would rob it of this function, and transfer it to the Administrative Board. It is my conviction that the power to designate the general law to which an appropriation shall be put should be always with the Council."

Mr. Fuller has provided himself with data upon which he will base his fight against the amendment if it is taken up to-night. He was of the opinion that the Common Council will stand up to the amendment further its powers affecting appropriations.

Amendment Which Proposes to give the Administrative Board full power to increase the pay of all officers and employees in the department under its direction, will arouse a debate that will be not less bitter. It is Alderman Melton, who voted as a minority of two against the proposition when it was considered by the Charter Changes Committee.

At the meeting of the committee on Friday night Councilman Mills gave notice that he will submit a minority report embodying his views on this and other amendments. He expressed the hope that the Common Council will consider the charter changes report important enough for a special meeting, and that it will not attempt to go into the matter at its regular session.

It was the general opinion last night that the charter changes will be considered at a special meeting. In that event, the committee report will be printed and distributed to the members of both branches in order that they may familiarize themselves with its contents.

Consider Board Raises

The Common Council, it is expected, will divide on the bulky report from the Administrative Board, recommending increases that affect officers and employees in practically every department of the city government.

Considerable difference of opinion exists as to the Council's powers affecting increases of pay to employees. Section 26 of the amended charter expressly provides that "the pay of all employees of the city shall be fixed by the Administrative Board, and may, from time to time, be increased or diminished by said board," making no reference to any required approval by the Council.

The board, however, has considered it wise to secure the Council's approval. In the opinion of some members the Council could nullify the raises by the simple expedient of declining to provide for them in the annual budget. Most of the increases are made effective on February 1, 1914. The City Attorney has held, however, that under the present charter the Council could be compelled by mandamus to provide for the salary raises authorized by the board, as long as the increases are not made effective until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

TRANSFUSION SAVES LIFE

Young Woman Whose Plance Gave Up Pint of Blood Has Recovered.

Practically restored to health, Miss Nellie La Fon, whose fiancé, E. L. Hickman, gave a pint of his blood to save her life on September 12, when it was thought she could not live, has been able to take daily walks.

The transfusion was performed by Dr. J. S. Horsley, at the Shelters Arms Hospital. Hickman quickly recovered from the operation, but for some days Miss La Fon's life hung upon a thread, when she gradually began to show signs of improvement and then her recovery was assured.

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PLAYERS WITH WEAK HEARTS WANT UNIFORM SETBACK LAW

Jail Sentence Proposed for Man in Cross-Hand Game, Who Bids Two on Ace and Deuce.

"So long as setback is to remain the big game in Virginia, I am going to get some number of the General Assembly to introduce a law to make it uniform," said a star player last night. "When you sit down with three others for a cross-hand encounter it should not be necessary to ask what system they follow. We have uniform laws as to weights and measures, we are screaming for a uniform divorce law, and things like that, and it is time to fix one standard for bidding and one standard for playing the low card."

"In some parts of the State they deal six cards to each of the four players and then pitch a widow to the center of the table. Now take this widow proposition. Sometimes she is four, five or six cards; in some sections you must declare trumps before looking her over. The rule is that you catch low, instead of following the dog to be a natural. There are different rules as to the right to discard trumps. One, while I was playing a game on a Mississippi River steamboat, we caught a Mexican playing a game of trumps, when a fellow shot at the moon, and, of course, it was necessary to pitch him overboard. When I think of it now I feel as if we should have fished him out."

"Many people in Richmond follow a different system. For instance, if the score stands 13 to 1, and the eleven boys shoot at the moon and make three with no jack out, the new score stands 12 to 1. But the other rule provides that if you shoot and fail to make four your opponents go out and divide the game."

COMBINE CHARITY IN AIDING GIRLS

Orin C. Baker to Talk on Co-Operation of All Societies for Travelers' Aid.

Orin C. Baker, of the Travelers' Aid Society of New York, will address the local Travelers' Aid Society and other organizations of like nature in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock to-morrow night. Mr. Baker is said to be thoroughly conversant with his subject, and he comes to talk in a plan to combine all societies into the work of the travelers' aid.

The Travelers' Aid Society has been carried on as a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, for some time, but the work has become far too large, it is said, for it to be a branch of any one organization. Conditions have changed, and the work of the city is greater in its appeal because of its accessibility. Notwithstanding this, the girls of country, village and town, who are so strangely unsophisticated in city ways, are being carried to the city by the necessity for having specialized knowledge or simple funds in order to escape unsexed dangers connected with finding positions. It is to correct this condition and to enlarge the field that it is proposed to combine church and religious organizations into this particular form of aid for the unsophisticated.

In many cities the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Men's Christian Association, Women's Christian Association, Union of Christian Workers, Roman Catholic women's societies, Council of Jewish Women, Women's Club, Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce have banded together in this work. Mr. Baker will visit Richmond this week and help in establishing a national work here. He will tell how best the Travelers' Aid can serve those of every age, race, creed, class and sex, and of the benefit of having the same kind of work in every city.

NEW PREACHERS BEGIN WORK HERE

Transfers Ordered by Methodist Conference Affect Seven Churches.

New ministers preached their first sermons in Methodist pulpits in Richmond and vicinity yesterday morning. All were assigned to the local field by the last general conference, and will continue here for periods of four years each, unless transferred. The new pastors are:

Rev. W. A. Cooper, Central Methodist Church, South Richmond; Rev. J. W. Shuler, Broad Street Methodist Church; Rev. J. T. Green, St. James Methodist Church; Rev. Starke Jett, Trinity Methodist Church; Rev. L. C. Moore, West End Memorial Episcopal Church, Swanboro; Rev. C. C. Tucker, Highland Springs Methodist Church.

Of the departing pastors, Rev. Henry C. Proctor, who goes to Ashland Methodist Church, and will serve as chaplain of Randolph-Macon College, was the only one to be transferred by time limit.

The others took up their duties in the following churches: Rev. Frank L. Wells, Memorial Methodist Church, Lynchburg; Rev. Sam. J. Battin, Farmville; Rev. Ernest Stevens, Chase City; Rev. Charles Tinsley Thrift, Louisa; and Rev. C. O. Blanton, Mecklenburg.

Rev. B. T. Waterfield, formerly of Clay Street Methodist Church, was made presiding elder of the Charlottesville District.

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CREEK COVERING TO BE DISCUSSED

Question of Walling In Shockoe to Come Up Before Business Men's Club.

"The Covering of Shockoe Creek and Bacon Quarter Branch" will be the subject of discussion at the "table-talk" luncheon of the Business Men's Club on Wednesday, and speakers familiar with the subject have been asked to take part.

City Engineer Charles E. Bolling will talk on "The Covering of Shockoe Creek from an Engineer's Viewpoint." A. L. Vonderlehr, of the Common Council, will discuss "A Plan by Which Can Be Accomplished," and P. St. Julien Wilson, former State Highway Commissioner, will talk on "The Use of Prison Labor for Construction Work."

Mr. Vonderlehr has recently advocated the plan to employ the prisoners of the City Jail to do the work of actual construction at an annual expenditure by the city of \$12,000. In a few years, he thinks, the work could be completed, and the Shockoe, instead of being an open sewer, would be walled in and no longer a menace to the city's health. All rich city would have to buy, he says, would be lumber and concrete, while the gravel would be furnished by the creek itself. It is said that the Business Men's Club favors his plan.

Paragraph Pulpit

The Fall—A Myth. The story of "The Fall" rests upon no historic basis. No one knows when or by whom it was written. Clearly it was written by some one in an endeavor to account for the presence of a serpent in Eden. It has the same value as have the Greek legends of "The Fall of Man." It is as a story of religious teaching. Upon such a foundation rest the doctrines of "Vicarious Atonement," "The Trinity," "The Divinity of Jesus," and "Salvation by Faith Alone." (Advertisement.)

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